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TANKS PROBABLY FROM OMSK TESTED AT KUBINKA
USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: RECENT IMAGERY OF KUBINKA ARMY BARRACKS TUCHKOVO SOUTH AL-2 AND OMSK TANK PLANT VOROSHILOV 174 PROVIDED EVIDENCE THAT TANKS PRODUCED AT OMSK ARE BEING TESTED AT KUBINKA. THE TYPE OF TANK BEING TESTED, PROTOTYPE/PRESERIES OR EXISTING MODEL, COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: AT LEAST TWO, POSSIBLY THREE, SPECIALLY CONFIGURED RAILROAD FLATCARS, (ONE OFF GRAPHIC), EACH WITH A CANVAS-COVERED TANK ONBOARD, WERE ON A RAIL SIDING AT KUBINKA ON [REDACTED] 25X1
THESE FLATCARS HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT ON [REDACTED] UNTIL NOW, 25X1
SPECIALLY CONFIGURED FLATCARS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AT ONLY THE OMSK PLANT AND LENINGRAD HEAVY EQUIPMENT MSE PLANT KIROV 183 [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED], THEREFORE, THEY PROBABLY CAME FROM ONE OF THESE 25X1
PLANTS. KUBINKA IS ONE OF THE SOVIET'S MOST IMPORTANT CENTERS FOR THE TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ARMORED VEHICLES, INCLUDING TANKS. (SWN)

A UNIQUE WOODEN FRAMEWORK ON THE DECKS OF THE FLATCARS DISTINGUISHES THEM FROM THE STANDARD FLATCARS USED BY THE SOVIETS TO SHIP TANKS. A QUONSET-TYPE STRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD COMPLETELY CONCEAL A VEHICLE ON THE FLATCAR, HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN OBSERVED PLACED OVER THE FRAMEWORK DECK. THESE QUONSET-TYPE STRUCTURES WERE NOT ON THE FLATCARS AT KUBINKA. (SWN)

ON [REDACTED] THREE EMPTY, SPECIALLY CONFIGURED FLATCARS WERE AT 25X1
THE OMSK PLANT ADJACENT TO A COVERED LOADING DOCK FROM WHICH ARMORED VEHICLES ARE PROBABLY SHIPPED. BECAUSE THE FLATCARS WERE NOT OBSERVED AND HAD PROBABLY DEPARTED BY [REDACTED] THE 25X1
FLATCARS SEEN AT KUBINKA ON [REDACTED] ARE PROBABLY THE ONES THAT 25X1
LEFT OMSK BETWEEN [REDACTED] KUBINKA, 30 NM SOUTHWEST OF 25X1
MOSCOW, IS APPROXIMATELY 1200 NM NORTHWEST OF OMSK. (SWN)

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SPECIALLY CONFIGURED FLATCARS HAVE BEEN SEEN OCCASIONALLY AT TWO SOVIET TANK PLANTS, OMSK SINCE JUNE 1981 AND LENINGRAD IN MAY 1982 AND MOST RECENTLY IN OCTOBER 1982. THE FLATCARS HAVE BEEN SEEN WITH AND WITHOUT THE QUONSET-TYPE STRUCTURE AT BOTH PLANTS. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- LARGE NUMBERS OF T-55 TANKS WERE PRODUCED AT OMSK UNTIL 1979. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAS BEEN NO IMAGERY EVIDENCE OF THE SERIES PRODUCTION OF TANKS AT OMSK. INSTEAD, THE PLANT HAS BEEN EXPANDED AND PROBABLY RETOOLED TO PREPARE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW TANK. PROTOTYPE/PRESERIES PRODUCTION OF A NEWER TANK COULD BE UNDERWAY AT OMSK. THE LENINGRAD PLANT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN ENGAGED IN TANK DESIGN AND LIMITED TANK PRODUCTION, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED ON IMAGERY. (SWN)

THERE IS NO PROOF THAT TANKS FROM OMSK AND/OR LENINGRAD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED ON THESE SPECIALLY CONFIGURED FLATCARS TO KUBINKA FOR TESTING. HOWEVER, SINCE THESE UNIQUE FLATCARS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AT KHARKOV TANK LOCOMOTIVE A RAND MALYSHEV 75

[REDACTED] OR NIZHNIY TAGIL TANK/RR CAR MFG PLANT 183

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THE OTHER KNOWN TANK PRODUCTION PLANTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE TIMES AND NUMBER OBSERVED IS EVIDENCE THAT THE TANKS ON THE FLATCARS AT KUBINKA CAME FROM OMSK OR LENINGRAD. OMSK IS THE MORE LIKELY SOURCE OF THE TANKS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. FIRST, THERE IS A CLOSE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE TIME THE FLATCARS DEPARTED FROM OMSK AND ARRIVED AT KUBINKA. SECOND, THE NUMBER OF FLATCARS OBSERVED AT OMSK CLOSELY CORRELATES WITH THE NUMBER OBSERVED AT KUBINKA. FINALLY, SPECIALLY CONFIGURED FLATCARS HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED AT THE LENINGRAD PLANT FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN THERE ROUTINELY IN THE PAST. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 55-33-55N 036-42-30E (S)
COORDINATES 54-55-54N 073-23-27E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCES NPIC, Z-14641/82 SPECIALLY CONFIGURED
SOVIET RAILROAD FLATCARS (S). NOVEMBER 1982, [REDACTED]

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